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Patrick Administration Celebrates Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Center Master Lease Signing

ADAMS— Friday, October 17, 2014—The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR) Commissioner Jack Murray today joined state and local officials to sign and celebrate the Master Lease for the Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Center.

Continuing Governor Deval Patrick's commitment to leveraging open space conservation to support economic development throughout the Commonwealth, the lease will support the enhancement, protection and educational access to 1,063 acres of park land located in Adams, adjacent to DCR's 12,500-acre Mount Greylock State Reservation.

The Master Plan for Greylock Glen includes the development of two campgrounds, an environmental education center, conference facility and an extensive trail system. This project will create a tourist attraction and four-season outdoor recreation area for hiking, cross-country skiing, interpretive exhibits and viewing platforms that are easily accessible for the entire northern Berkshire region.

"The Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Center exemplifies a strong partnership between the Town of Adams, Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance (DCAMM), MassDevelopment, environmental and civic organizations and DCR," said DCR Commissioner Jack Murray. "The development of the Greylock Glen provides visitors with a larger space for outdoor activities and recreation."

The signing of the Master Lease allows the Town of Adams to move forward with the development process. DCR, Adams, DCAMM and MassDevelopment will work together in order to successfully redevelop 56 acres of land. DCR and the town of Adams will each invest an estimated \$3 million in phase 1 of the project.

"I am delighted that we can now move forward with preserving this treasure of the Commonwealth while bringing an opportunity for economic development to the town," said President and CEO of MassDevelopment Marty Jones.

"I am pleased that, after years of unsuccessful efforts to develop and protect Greylock Glen, the Town of Adams, the Department of Conservation and Recreation and the Division of Capital Asset Management and Maintenance are today signing a Master Lease for the Glen," said Commissioner Carole Cornelison.

Many environmental and civic organizations have participated in the effort to create the Greylock Glen Outdoor Recreation and Environmental Education Center, including the Massachusetts Audubon Society, the Appalachian Mountain Club, the Berkshire Natural Resources Council, Massachusetts Museum of Contemporary Art and Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts.

"The deliberative planning and permitting process undertaken over the past several years by DCR, the Town, and collaborating organizations and institutions, has yielded a more economically and

environmentally sound project that embodies the collective vision for the Glen first expressed in 2004,” said Chairman of the Selectmen of Adams Arthur “Skip” Harrington. “Once implemented, the Town’s Glen project will create a wonderful resource for residents and visitors to the Berkshires, while establishing Adams as a destination for outdoor recreation.”

"I am thrilled that Adams, DCR and their other partners have come to this agreement. This is an important advancement in the process of developing the Glen in a smart and sustainable way," Senator Benjamin B. Downing.

“I am very positive about the partnership between DCR and the Town of Adams in order to bring forward a new development to the Greylock Glen,” said Representative Gailanne M. Cariddi. “It will help to create the town’s presence as the hub of recreation in our area and this will bring not only people here to utilize the space, but also an economic boost in the long-term.”

The Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation (DCR), an agency of the Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs, oversees 450,000 acres of parks and forests, beaches, bike trails, watersheds, dams, and parkways. Led by Commissioner John P. Murray, the agency’s mission is to protect, promote, and enhance our common wealth of natural, cultural, and recreational resources. To learn more about DCR, our facilities, and our programs, please visit www.mass.gov/dcr. Contact us at mass.parks@state.ma.us.

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